

Forest Land-Mumbai City

Diversion of 0.985 ha. of Reserve Forest land in favour of Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) for construction of the Metro piers and Bhakti Park Station for Mumbai Metro line 4 at Village- Sewri (Salt Pan), Mumbai City District in the State of Maharashtra.

**Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.FLD-2019/C.R.172/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai 400032.
Date:- 01.11.2023.**

Reference:-

- 1) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/NC/II/ID- 12703(68)/106/2019-20, dt.29.04.2019.
- 2) Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter No.FC-I/MH-157/2019-NGP/6331, dt. 11.03.2020.
- 3) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/ NC/II/ID-12703(68)/217/2021-22, dt.03.06.2021.
Letter No. Desk-17/NC/II/ID-12703/2789/2022-23, dt.19.01.2023.
- 4) Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur Letter No.FC-I/MH-157/2019-NGP/11184, dt. 09.02.2023.
- 5) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/Nodal/ Thane/ID-12703/534/2023-24, dt.23.05.2023.

Order:-

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal to Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur for diversion of 0.985 ha. of Reserve Forest land in favour of Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) for construction of the Metro piers and Bhakti Park Station for Mumbai Metro line 4 at Village-Parel/Sewri, District-Mumbai City;

AND whereas, the Government of India after due consideration, vide letter under reference No.2, accorded 'In-principle' approval to divert the 0.985 ha. Forest Land for the above project under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The said approval is subject to fulfillment of certain conditions by the User Agency;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letters under reference No.3 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of India;

AND whereas, the Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur, vide under reference no. 4 accorded 'Final approval' to divert the of 0.985 ha. Reserve forest land in favour of Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) for construction of the Metro piers and Bhakti Park Station for Mumbai Metro line 4 at Village-Parel/Sewri, Mumbai City District in the State of Maharashtra under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur vide letter under reference No.5 has requested State Government to issue diversion order in the matter;

AND whereas, Collector Mumbai City has issued certificate under Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Rights) Act, 2006 for land at City Survey No. 6 (part), Salt Pan Division in Mumbai City District.

NOW, therefore, Government of Maharashtra hereby directs that the area of 0.985 ha. consisting of Reserved forest land more specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No. 1 and as per details given in the Schedule given below, be diverted to the User Agency, i.e. Senior Planner (Metro PIU), Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), Mumbai, for construction of the Metro piers and Bhakti Park Station for Mumbai Metro line 4 at Village- Sewri (Salt Pan), Mumbai City District in the State of Maharashtra.

The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the letters dated 11.03.2020 and dated 09.02.2023 of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur. This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. The 0.1236 ha. area proposed for approach road during construction phase shall be handed over back to State Forest Department.
2. If the number of Mangrove trees to be felled increases during implementation of the project, user agency shall obtain prior permission from Central Government and Hon'ble High Court accordingly.
3. Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai should ensure that, the fulfillment of Conditions in the order, dated 09.02.2023, before giving actual possession of forest land to User Agency.
4. The User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the 'in-principle' and 'final approval' letters of Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur, referred above. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency and shall furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.

5. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Regional Office, MoEF&CC letters dated 11.03.2020 and dated 09.02.2023, in this order and Rules & Guidelines made / issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, shall amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.

6. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai shall report through the State Government to the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in guidelines under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

SCHEDULE

Item	Name of Village	Tehsil & District	Survey No.	Length & Width	Area in Sq. Mtr.	Area (in ha)	Legal Status	Remarks
Pier area	Sewri (Salt Pan)	Mumbai City	CTS 6 Part	6 X 6	36 x 23 = 828	0.0828	Reserve Forest	No working space required as approached from existing road available
Pier area				9 x 9	81 x 22 = 1785	0.1785		With working space
Station Box				180 x 25	4500	0.4500		-
Area between Two Piers					1500	0.1500		-
Approach Road				206 x 6	1236	0.1236		During the construction phase
Total Forest Land (in ha.)						0.9850		

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

(Ganesh Jadhao)

Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

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1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur.

3. Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO, Maha-CAMPA, Nagpur.
5. Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur.
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Nagpur.
7. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Mangrove), Mumbai.
8. Collector, Mumbai City
9. Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai.
10. Senior Planner (Metro PIU), Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), Mumbai
11. Select File F-10.

I. Collector- Mumbai City is hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.

II. Senior Planner (Metro PIU), Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), Mumbai, is hereby directed to publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No. etc. and along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the Central Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Mangrove), Mumbai & Divisional Forest Officer, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai.

III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.